



ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

COMBE, DUNS TEW, ENSTONE, GAGINGWELL, GLYMPTON, MIDDLE BARTON,
RADFORD, RAMSDEN, STEEPLE ASTON and STONESFIELD

SUNDAY 21 AUGUST 2022
Sunday Readings: Year C

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Please pray for the sick and the housebound of the parish: Paula Biggs, George Huxley, Johanna, Hugh P

All welcome at all Masses

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Novena Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi. We remind parishioners of the Novena which started last Thursday and goes on until Friday this week (Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi). It is being observed throughout the archdiocese and copies of the daily short prayer can be found at the back of church or on the diocesan website:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/novena-to-blessed-dominic-barberi>

Dear Parishioners,

The pleasant weather is still with us at the moment but we do recognise there is a need for some rain to dampen the dusty earth and refresh it. This is a bit like the Sunday readings each week when we are invited to read and pray over God's word in the Bible to nourish and feed our spirits. Over the past weeks or so St. Luke has been giving the teaching of Jesus about getting into the kingdom of heaven. It seems a hard task, even for the Apostles, and some one asks Jesus: 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' Jesus replies, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and not succeed.' We know already from passages like our first reading today that God wants all humanity to be saved and redeemed. From all eternity our salvation has been desired by God and he chose out of love of us to send his only Son to bring this about through his saving Death and Resurrection. However, one of the greatest gifts that makes us who we are is free will through which we make our own personal choices and decisions. Our faith shows us how we ought to live and we know how difficult that call can be at times. That is why we need the gifts and graces of our baptism and confirmation if we are to live true Christian lives. Our model for all this in none other than Jesus himself who, out of love for his Father and us, underwent his terrible suffering and death. This was his route to the majesty of the Resurrection to new life. It was the loving example of Jesus that inspired so many down the ages to accept the path of martyrdom as their witness to faith. In a world such as we live in now so many do not care about faith. This can make it very difficult for people of faith to be firm in their convictions and bear credible witness to what they believe. This is why regular confident prayer to the Holy Spirit is an essential source of renewed strength and grace.

Father Tony

Harvington Hall Pilgrimage. Canon Richard Walker will celebrate a special Mass to commemorate the English Martyrs in the beautiful grounds of Harvington Hall in Worcestershire on Sunday, September 4th. A house which holds many secrets, Harvington contains seven priest hides. Humphrey Pakington, who inherited the estate in 1578 was a staunch Catholic and thus subject to the harsh penal laws of the Elizabethan age.

Newcomers are welcome and there is ample car parking and picnic areas from 1.00pm. The Mass will commence at 3.00pm.

NEXT WEEK:
WEEKDAY masses resume
this Friday

Friday 26th August
B. Dominic of the Mother
of God Barberi, Priest
Mass 9.30am
Followed by Benediction
and Exposition

Sunday 28 August
22nd Sunday in Ordinary
Time
Parish Mass 9.15am
ALL WELCOME

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